

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): A quick connect tubing assembly for use in water-handling household cleaning appliance applications comprising:

a length of corrugated tubing having two ends;

a monolithic tubular quick connect retainer sleeve monolithically formed with the corrugated tubing and extending from one of the corrugated tubing ends to form a free end of the corrugated tubing; and

a tubular quick connect retainer fitting within and being integral with the tubular sleeve, the quick connect retainer comprising: an outwardly extending flange extending from a first end thereof; an inwardly extending flange extending from a second end thereof; and an intermediate wall portion connecting the outwardly extending flange and the inwardly extending flange, the outwardly extending flange engaging a free end of tubular quick connect retainer sleeve.

Claims 12 through 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): The corrugated tubing assembly according to claim 16, wherein the elastomeric sealing ring fits radially within the inside diameter of the seal portion of the stepped circular interior and fits axially against a shoulder formed between the seal portion of the stepped circular interior and the seal retaining portion of the stepped circular interior.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A corrugated tubing assembly comprising:
a length of flexible corrugated tubing;

a monolithic tubular quick connect sleeve ~~monolithic~~ monolithically formed with one end of the corrugated tubing, wherein the quick connect sleeve has a stepped circular interior comprising: a quick connect retainer portion having a first inner diameter; a seal portion having a second diameter, the second diameter being smaller than the first diameter; and a seal retaining portion having a third diameter, the third diameter being smaller than the second diameter, the seal portion being between the quick connect retainer portion and the seal retaining portion; and

a tubular quick connect retainer fitting within and being attached to the interior of the quick connect sleeve, the quick connect retainer having a plurality of inwardly extending resilient fingers, the resilient fingers being adapted to retainingly and releasably engage a male fitting, wherein the quick connect retainer has an annular shape with an outwardly extending flange at one end thereof and an inwardly extending flange at the other end thereof, the outwardly extending flange engaging a free end of the quick connect sleeve, the inwardly extending flange engaging a shoulder formed between the quick connect retainer portion of the stepped circular interior and the seal portion of the stepped circular interior; and

~~an elastomeric sealing ring adapted to sealingly engage the male fitting, the elastomeric sealing ring fitting radially within the inside diameter of the seal portion of the stepped circular interior and fitting axially against a shoulder formed between the seal portion of the stepped circular interior and the seal retaining portion of the stepped circular interior.~~

Claim 17 (original): The corrugated tubing assembly according to claim 16, wherein the quick connect retainer inwardly extending flange is formed of a plurality of discontinuous flange sections.

Claims 18 through 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (new): A corrugated tubing assembly comprising:

a monolithic tube having a portion being corrugated and flexible, and a portion forming a tubular quick connect sleeve, the tubular quick connect sleeve being monolithically formed with one end of the corrugated tubing, wherein the quick connect sleeve has a stepped circular

interior comprising: a quick connect retainer portion having a first inner diameter; a seal portion having a second diameter, the second diameter being smaller than the first diameter; and a seal retaining portion having a third diameter, the third diameter being smaller than the second diameter, the seal portion being between the quick connect retainer portion and the seal retaining portion; and

a tubular quick connect retainer fitting within and being attached to the interior of the quick connect sleeve, the quick connect retainer having a plurality of inwardly extending resilient fingers, the resilient fingers being adapted to retainingly and releasably engage a male fitting, wherein the quick connect retainer has an annular shape with an outwardly extending flange at one end thereof and an inwardly extending flange at the other end thereof, the outwardly extending flange engaging a free end of the quick connect sleeve, the inwardly extending flange engaging a shoulder formed between the quick connect retainer portion of the stepped circular interior and the seal portion of the stepped circular interior; and

an elastomeric sealing ring adapted to sealingly engage the male fitting.